

Forester Licensing Board Minutes – April 27, 2007

Berkshire-Pioneer RC&D Office 433 West St. Suite 8, Amherst, MA

Board Members in attendance: M. Kelty, K. Ross, L. Fish, R. Beham, G. Boyce.

Others in attendance:

Legal Counsel: Nick Vontzalides

Guests: James DiMaio

The chair referred members to the minutes of the March 15, 2007 meeting and requested comments or corrections prior to their approval. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of members present.

Public Inquiry- None

Reviewed and approved the new application package submitted by: Timothy Hill

Reviewed and approved by the majority of the board present the renewal application packages submitted by:

Julie Renaud Evans Kevin Evans David Beers Tom M. Ryan Brian Holt Hawthorne Jeremy Boron

Nick Vontzalides & Jim DiMaio lead a discussion about DCR policies regarding Special Employees.

- FLB members are "special employees" of the Commonwealth under chapter 258.
- Questions to FLB members on DCR regulations and policies should be referred to the Bureau of Forestry for response.
- "Special Employee's" are indemnified by the Commonwealth while acting in their official capacity.

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• Conflict of Interest rules do apply. Ensure that personal communications are not seen as "official communications"

The revised Forester Licensing Regulations were approved and became effective on April 20, 2007 when posted in the Mass Register.

The revised DCR Forester Licensing Policies also became effective on April 20, 2007.

The Revised Regulations and Policies along with a CFE summary form will be posted on the DCR website at:

http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/flb.htm

We will also notify and mail hard copies of the Regulations and Policies to all Licensed Foresters.

The secretary notified the board that a renewal mailing will be sent before the end of April to all Foresters with renewal dates between 5/1/07 and 7/31/07.

Next Meeting Date: May 24, 2007

Meeting Adjourned